

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

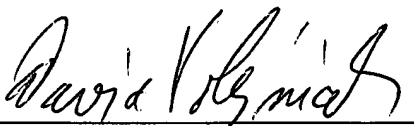
The Examiner finally rejected all claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. patent number 6,108,711 (Beck et al.), and confirmed the rejection by an Advisory Action mailed on October 1, 2004.

In response, applicants have amended the claims to recite features of the invention and their interplay that are disclosed in the specification and that clearly are not disclosed, taught, or suggested by Beck et al. Applicants therefore request that the application be reconsidered and thereafter be passed to issue.

Applicants consider the foregoing to be dispositive of all issues in the application. But if the Examiner should deem that a telephone interview would advance prosecution, applicants request the Examiner to call their attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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